## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re prior application of:

Steve Ingistov

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Title:

TURBINE POWER PLANT HAVING MINIMAL-CONTACT BRUSH

SEAL AUGMENTED LABYRINTH SEAL

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the subject application.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, the first line in the third paragraph is amended to read 'Leakage in excess [if] of a predetermined amount that".

At page 2, in the second line, the word "due" is added after the word "seal".

At page 8, in the fifth and seventh lines, the numeral "18" is changed to be the numeral "24".

The eighteenth line is revised to read as follows: "\$2 that also supports a final stator member [34]

B2 17S of the".

12/03/1999 DPULLARD COUNTY Page 9, in the fourth and fifth lines from the bottom of the page, the numeral "40" is 01 FC:102